REMARKS

The filing papers submitted with this divisional application included a direction to cancel claims 1-30. Accordingly, only claims 31-48 are pending in the application.

In the Office action dated August 24, 2004, the Examiner requires restriction between claims 1-30 of Group I and claims 31-48 of Group II. While, as noted above, only claims 31-48 are pending in the application, Applicants hereby elect Group II, without traverse, to confirm the previous direction to cancel claims 1-30.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that claims 31-48 as now appearing in the application are in good and proper form for allowance. A favorable action on the part of the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

If, in the opinion of the examiner, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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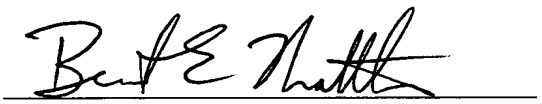
September 20, 2004 By: 

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